GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:891
ANSWERED ON:22.11.2001
CORRUPTION IN DEFENCE DEAL
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have identified 15 such defence deals which can be investigated for having doubt of corruption;

(b) if so, the details thereof deal-wise; and

(c) the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 891 22.11.2001

Following the allegations made in the videotapes and transcripts released by Tehelka.com under the name of `Operation West End`, Government have appointed a Commission of Inquiry consisting of a single member, namely, Shri Justice K. Venkataswami, a retired Judge of the Supreme Court of India.As per its terms of reference, the Commission is investigating certain transactions relating to Ministry of Defence.

(c) The Commission has not submitted its report as yet.